



Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR

Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary
Department of
Health & Hospitals
P. O. Box 629
Baton Rouge, LA
70821-0629

Peggy M. Hatch
Secretary
Department of
Environmental Quality
P. O. Box 4301
Baton Rouge, LA
70821-4301

Robert J. Barham
Secretary
Department of
Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA
70898-9000

The following fish consumption advisory was issued on 8/12/15 by the Department of Health & Hospitals, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. For more information, please contact:

DHH
Shannon Soileau
(888) 293-7020

DEQ
Keith Horn
(225) 219-3793

DWF
Bobby Reed
(337) 488-3039

ADVISORY FOR DEVIL'S SWAMP/BAYOU BATON ROUGE

In response to follow up sampling and analysis of finfish and crawfish, the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (DWF) are updating the advisory for the Devil's Swamp/Bayou Baton Rouge Area (E. Baton Rouge Parish). The area of concern is bounded on the north by Hall Buck Marine Road, on the east by the bluffs and the Baton Rouge Barge Harbor and on the south and west by the Mississippi River.

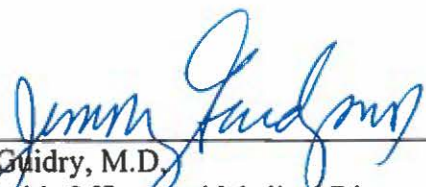
DHH, DEQ and DWF advise the following:

• DO NOT EAT FISH OR CRAWFISH FROM THIS AREA


This update is based on limited sampling data from 2012-2013. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie and bluegill samples from Devil's Swamp Lake and crawfish from swampy areas outside of the Lake were tested for hexachlorobenzene (HCB), hexachlorobutadiene (HCBT), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), arsenic, lead and mercury. Unacceptable levels of PCBs and mercury were found in some species of finfish. Unacceptable levels of PCBs were also found in crawfish hepatopancreas (fat). This advisory supersedes a previous advisory issued for this area on 7/9/1993.

Due to historic water and sediment contamination that may continue to impact these water bodies, the agencies continue to advise the public not to swim nor participate in other primary water contact sports in the area of concern.


This advisory is issued as a precaution. Any further sampling data from this area will be evaluated to determine the need for modifications to the current recommendations. For more information regarding this advisory, contact the Department of Health and Hospitals at 1-888-293-7020. If you have questions or concerns about your health, please consult a physician.



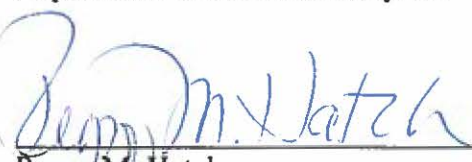
Jimmy Guidry, M.D.
State Health Officer and Medical Director
Department of Health & Hospitals




J.T. Lane
Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Health
Department of Health & Hospitals



Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary
Department of Health & Hospitals



Peggy M. Hatch
Secretary
Department of Environmental Quality



Robert J. Barham
Secretary
Department of Wildlife & Fisheries